

REMARKS

Status of Application

Claims 1-13 were pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed November 24, 2008, claims 1-4, 12 and 13 were rejected, and claims 5-11 were objected to.

By this amendment, claims 14-28 are pending as new. Claims 1-13 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification.

Applicant requests consideration and allowance of claims 14-28.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any withdrawn, cancelled, or non-elected claims and/or subject matter in separate applications.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has identified claims 5-11 as being allowable if rewritten. New claims 14-24 are directed to an allowable assembly of a capped high-pressure discharge lamp and a lamp holder. New claims 25 and 26 are directed to an allowable lamp holder. New claims 27 and 28 are directed to an allowable illumination system and method of use thereof.

Objections to Claims

The objections to the claims are addressed and mooted by new claims 14-24.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 12 and 13 were rejected as unpatentable. These rejections are mooted by the cancellation of claims 1-4, 12 and 13, and the addition of new claims 14-24.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-28 distinguish patentably from the references of record, taken alone or in any combination, and are in condition for allowance.

Should any questions remain, Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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